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YE Back to the roots

Črnomelj, Slovenia 16. - 24. 10. 2017



MAIN DETAILS ABOUT THE PROJECT

Hosting organization: KUD Plac

Venue: Črnomelj, Slovenia

APV dates: 16. - 24. 10. 2018

Youth Exchange participant No: 5 participants + 1 group leader

Participant countries: Slovenia, Spain, Macedonia, Portugal, Lithuania, Bulgaria

Language: Project will be run in English.

ABOUT THE YOUTH EXCHANGE

The Youth Exchange Back to the Roots, which will take place in Črnomelj, Slovenia, will consist of 36 participants and group leaders aged between 18 and 30 years. The exchange will take place in October 2018. This year is the year of European Cultural Heritage, which is one of the main reasons why we want to carry out this exchange. Through it we want young people, living in age of hyperglobalization, to draw attention to the importance of a rich cultural heritage. In this context we want to show them how certain historical events influenced the way of living and shaped the culture and ethnicity of the local environment. We are faced with younger generations not being familiar with the importance of cultural heritage, which due to globalization is disappearing from our consciousness. Through the exchange we want to present the cultural features of our environment and learn how to preserve these specialties and how to successfully promote them as an important factor in the tourist offer. During the exchange we want to create a small brochure that will be used by local tourist centres for promotion. This will include information about the history, tradition, customs and tourist points of the Uskoki.

ABOUT KUD PLAC

KUD Plac is a non-profit organization, established in Metlika 2004, with a purpose, to give locals freedom of education, artistic expression and entertainment. In last 14 years, KUD Plac organized a lot of festivals, workshops, events, concerts, hosted 12 EVS volunteers and also organized few youth exchanges, under Youth in action and also Erasmus + program. You can find more info about our organization on our webpage www.kudplac.si.



ABOUT SLOVENIA AND ČRNOMELJ

Slovenia is located in southern-central Europe, at the crossroads of main European cultural and trade routes, between Alps and Adriatic Sea, with the capital and biggest city, Ljubljana. Population of Slovenia is little bit more than 2 million people. Since 1 of May 2004, Slovenia is also part of European Union, and the official currency is € (euro).

Municipality of **Črnomelj** is one of the 3 in the region of **Bela krajina**, located in southeastern Slovenia, next to the river Kolpa, which is the border river with Croatia. This small municipality has around 8000 habitants, surrounded by a special types of trees called Bela breza (Betula pendula) along with the river Kolpa, which makes this town great place to visit in summer, where are many camps, where you can explore nature and her attractions, do a lot of sport activities (swimming, diving, canoeing, cycling, climbing..), or visit some of music festivals.

On the other side, **Bela krajina** is known as wine region, where is a lot of farmers producing their own protected wine, what is making this region even more richer in cultural and traditional aspect.

Belokranjska pogača (home-made bread), is certificated protected food, which comes also from this region, and it's served almost at every meal.

ARRIVALS AND DEPARTURES

Arrival day: 16. 10. 2018

Start of the program: 16. 10. 2018

End of the program: 24. 10. 2018

Departure day: 24. 10. 2018

We ask you to plan your travel in a way to be at the program venue on 16. 10. 2018 at 7 PM the latest and leave on 24. 10. 2018 in the morning. If you want to come earlier and/or leave later than expected it can be maximum 2 days before the project and 2 days after the project, but in that case please keep in mind that we cannot cover the costs of longer stay accommodation, meals and etc.

Important Note: ALL participants of youth exchange must travel from their home country to Cyprus. This is the new rule we have from National Agency and ERASMUS+. We can not host people who come from a different country and not from their home country. Of course you can flight from a different country but your trip must start from your country.

TRAVEL COST REIMBURSEMENT

Unit costs of your travel expenses (above) will be covered by the organizers with the support of ERASMUS+ programme. In order to receive this money for transportation, please keep ALL original invoices, tickets, boarding-passes or any other transport document. The money will be given at the end of the project via bank transfer, upon completion of the Mobility Tool+ (considered mandatory under the Erasmus+).

There is a participation fee of 20 euro in order to cover daytrips and other organizational costs.

HOW TO GET HERE

To Ljubljana:

You can reach it by:

- plane

<http://www.lju-airport.si/sl/Main>

- train

<http://www.slo-zeleznice.si/>

- bus

<http://www.ap-ljubljana.si/>

- car

If you are coming by plane, we should warn you, that the Slovenian air companies are not the cheapest. So you should check Venice airports (Venice Marco Polo, Venice Treviso), or lowcost air companies like Ryanair , Wizzair ...

From there, the best option is to take a van from a company Goopti

(<https://www.goopti.com/>), which can get you from Venice airports to Ljubljana bus station,



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and from there you can take a train or a bus to Črnomelj.

ACCOMODATION

Participants will be lodged in a hostel in Črnomelj, a beautiful village in Slovenia. The hostel offers triple rooms, a bathrooms and a common room. Bed linens are provided. The hostel also offers free wifi. The shops, restaurants and cafes are located very close.

PRACTICALITIES

Insurance: Personal and medical insurance are the responsibility of the individual participant. We will not be responsible for any loss of luggage, currency or personal effects, or any medical costs. We recommend participants to have the European Health Card.

Currency: The currency of the Republic of Slovenia is the Euro (€). It is divided into 100 Euro cents (¢).

Weather: In October we can expect weather with temperatures between 10-15C. Please bring warm clothes with you.

EUROPEAN HEALTH INSURANCE CARD

The European Health Card is accepted in every country of the European Union. If you don't have it, you can get it easily. You should go to the office recharged with health affairs, and ask for your European Health Card. It's a little blue plastic card, and you can get it for free. It's valid in every EU country for 1 year. Or any other insurance is welcome (organizers are not covering insurance costs).

WHAT TO BRING

In order to everybody have a really good time, we would like you to bring some things which we believe are important for the participation of all participants and for the success of the Youth Exchange.

- Necessary documents such as passports, travel documents, etc.
- Comfortable clothes and shoes
- Towels
- Personal care products, such as shower gel, shampoo, comb, etc.
- Hair dryer
- AC power (Power adapter)
- A typical taste (typical drink, food, sweets, snacks...) of your Country for the "intercultural evening";
- cameras, laptops and other equipment making life and work easier;
- some cool pieces of music and games from your country;
- information about your country (books, brochures, posters, postcards, video, PowerPoint presentation, music, etc.);
- information about the organization you come from (brochures, PowerPoint presentation, video, etc.);
- comfortable clothes;

- Some traditional stuff, food/drink, music, flag of your country for the intercultural evening
- Medicine, if you regularly take any
- And above all bring joy and lots of positive energy !!
- Endless amounts of good mood and motivation for work and leisure!
- Positive attitude, desire to learn and meet cool new people! :)

Intercultural nights

For the intercultural evening, we kindly ask you to prepare an interactive presentation of your country (you can present your country's food and drinks, music, traditional dances, games etc.). Creativity is the basic requirement. Participants will also have the opportunity to present their organization and its work. You can bring some materials (brochures, posters, PowerPoint presentations, films, photos, etc.).

It is not required any certification or special skills, just bring your enthusiasm and live the event in its proper and cheerful mood!

We encourage participants to be an active part of this project, embracing responsibility and enjoy the cultural side of this experience!

And now, pack your bags, fill your heads with ideas and come meet us and many other young Europeans in Agros. Together we can make a change!

We hope that you find the Project worth participating in and we look forward to meeting you on July 2017!

Please do not hesitate to contact us if you have any more questions!

See you in SLOVENIA!

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